

WILL TRY TO AGREE.

LONG-DISTANCE CO.'S LAWYERS
AND CITY ATTORNEY TO CONFER.

RESULT OF LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

Mr. Meredith Explains in Detail the
Ordinance Presented by Him—
Many Objections Raised to It by
Counsel on the Other Side.

The Committee on Streets met in Room No. 5 of the City Hall, at 8 o'clock last night, and considered the long-distance telephone ordinance. Those present were Chairman Allen, Carter, Ebel, Fehle, Bloomberg, Burton, Foster, John M. King, Linder, Pollock, and Woody. There were also in attendance Messrs. Clarence E. Young and George Wayne Anderson, representing the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Virginia, and Messrs. John C. Robertson, president, and A. B. Gairson, general counsel for the Richmond Telephone Company. There was a great deal of discussion relative to the mode of procedure to be followed. Several motions were offered and voted down, and after much debate, the committee heard from City Attorney Meredith in regard to the ordinance prepared by him permitting the Long-Distance Company to do business in Richmond under certain restrictions. The City Attorney explained in detail the provisions of the ordinance, going carefully into the safeguards thrown around the city. He was asked if the Bell Telephone Company had any right to put down poles in the place of their present poles. The Attorney said this question would come under the police regulation.

WHY HE PREPARED IT SO.

Mr. Meredith proceeded with his explanation of the provisions of the ordinance. After this he was asked to explain to the committee why he had prepared the ordinance as he did. He spoke of the great fight the city had already had as to the much-talked-of joint use of poles, and referred to the fact that the city had finally agreed upon separate poles for the heavy-current and light-current wires. Mr. Meredith argued the great necessity for requiring these light-current wires to go upon the poles carrying other light-current wires under any two or more of them for the fixing of rates of transportation by the order or on the recommendation of representatives designated on behalf of the various parties to such contracts. He said he had in mind the recommendation of a majority of such representatives, or for the maintenance of the rates of transportation once fixed, or for the enforcement of any such recommendation. He said he had in mind any of the parties thereto, shall constitute an offence under said act of July 2, 1890.

The City Attorney next took up the provision in the ordinance fixing a minimum charge for local telephone service of \$1 a month for "phones in business-houses," and \$2 a month for "phones in private residences." He said that the length relative to this matter, saying that any company could, if it chose to, get around a minimum rate. Rebates, reductions, allowances of claims, or contributions of sort or another would enable a company, if it desired so to do, to furnish its "phones at prices below the minimum price fixed by the Council. The City Attorney then took up the ordinance providing for a minimum rate for local phone service, saying that he had left the price blank, and suggested that this feature of the ordinance should prescribe that the maximum rates should continue for two or three years. This provision, he explained, had been deemed advisable, because it might be practical, as the company had intimated, for a system of charges to be arranged, whereby telephone subscribers should pay for their "phones in accordance with the number of times they were used."

POSITION OF THE COMPANY.

After Mr. Meredith had concluded his explanation of the ordinance, the committee, on motion of Mr. Bloomberg, made a request that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Virginia, in reference to the features of the ordinance submitted by the City Attorney, to which the company would raise any objections. Mr. Clarence E. Young, representing the company, stated that he had no desire to take the time of the committee in considering a subject which had been so thoroughly investigated by its members, unless it was the most experienced assistance. Captain David, who rendered such good service at Memphis in relieving the food sufferers, to go to Cuba with the supplies, if necessary, and distribute them under the general plan of General Lee. The company's representative deplored the fact that the purchase of the supplies. Then Mr. R. A. Smith, a director in one of the steamship lines plying between New York and Havana, had offered free transportation to Cuba of the supplies, and everything was in train to begin to move as soon as word came from General Lee. Now, however, the department will wait until General Lee notifies it that there is further need for relief before putting its plan into operation.

REVEREND GENTLEMAN MISSING.

He is Also Said to Be Short in His Accounts.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Rev. A. G. Harrison, pastor of the People's Tabernacle, and his family disappeared from their home here yesterday, and it is reported that the reverend gentleman is \$9,000 short in his accounts. He was given entire charge of the church's funds, and according to the charges, failed to pay bills for furniture, carpets, and a church organ, for which money was given him, and also borrowed large sums from his parishioners. W. L. Bruen, the pastor of the Tabernacle, is a loser to the extent of \$7,000.

NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT.

C. B. Hart, of West Virginia, to Be
Minister to Colombia.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Charles Burdett Hart, of West Virginia, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Colombia.

Francis S. Jones, of Louisiana, Secretary of the Legation of the United States at Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic.

John G. Thompson, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary-General.

James Edmund Boyd, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Attorney-General.

Kenneth R. Pendleton, Collector of Customs, District of Albemarle, N. C.

Petrus—John L. Fullwood, Cedar-town, Ga.

716 E. Main Street.
BALBRIGGAN UNDERSHIRTS.
By LESLIE SPENCE.
Men's Furnishing Goods.

POVERTY HIS RUIN.

IN DIRE NEED, A YOUNG MAN IS
TEMPTED, AND FALLS.

HE PAWS OTHER FOLKS' MACHINES.

Charles Q. Powers to Answer Three
Charges in the Police Court This
Morning—Was an Agent for the
Singer Company.

In the Police Court this morning Justice Crutchfield will have before him a sad case, in which the character and possibly the liberty of a young man of hitherto unspotted character, who, by virtue of his poverty, led into wrongdoing, is at stake.

The young man in question is Charles Q. Powers, who is a prisoner at the Third Police-Station, where he is charged on three warrants with the theft of a sewing-machine from the Singer Sewing-Machine Company, and with obtaining, by false representation, sewing-machines from Laura Watkins, of No. 41 Catherine street, and James Millan, of No. 191 West Leigh street.

DIDN'T INTEND TO DO WRONG.

In view of the young man's family connections and of his plea that poverty, being the only support of two unmarried sisters, caused him to commit the acts, the case is peculiarly pathetic. Powers does not deny having taken the machines, but he asserts that he had no idea of defrauding the people out of their machines, being only desirous of securing money on them with which to tide him over his financial troubles.

ANTI-POOLING AMENDMENT.

It Is to Be Added to the Anti-Trust
Amendment.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Senator Chandler has prepared the following amendment to the tariff bill, which he proposes to add to the anti-trust amendment proposed by Senator Pettigrew yesterday:

"That act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies, approved July 2, 1890, shall apply to all companies, corporations, and persons engaged as common carriers in the business of transporting persons or property, and all the penalties imposed and methods of restraint provided by said acts shall take effect, and be in force against such companies, corporations, and persons. Any contract between any two or more of them for the fixing of rates of transportation by the order or on the recommendation of representatives designated on behalf of the various parties to such contracts, shall constitute an offence under said act of July 2, 1890."

GOT MONEY ON IT.

He hired a wagon from a man named Johnson, and took it to the station-house, where he left it as collateral security for \$150. When this money gave out he went to Mr. Millan's and took his machine, ostensibly to repair it. He did not return the machine to Mr. Millan, but took it to Stein's pawnshop, on Sixth street, where he "put it up" for \$1.

THOUGHT HE WAS CORBETT.

Newport News Newspaper-Man At-
tracts Attention.

Mr. A. H. Gilmore, a newspaper man from Newport News, Va., came to the city yesterday morning under very peculiar and somewhat sensational circumstances. He was taken to be the ex-Champlain pugilist of the world, James J. Corbett, as soon as he stepped from the train at the Chesapeake and Ohio depot, and quite a crowd of men and boys followed him up the stairs. Several times he heard the puzzling expressions: "Ain't he a beauty?" "Don't tell me he couldn't lick Fitzsimmons." &c. Mr. Gilmore went at once to Ford's hotel, where he ordered a bottle of beer, which he drank with relish. He was followed into the saloon by several persons, and after having quaffed the foaming beverage, some gentleman approached him and said: "Corbett, I lost \$9 on you in that little bout with Fitz. But I don't mind that." Mr. Gilmore drank the other bottle of beer, and smilingly remarked: "I guess you are wrong about losing \$9. I lost \$24. I am a newspaper man, not a pugilist."

ENTERTAINED THE VISITORS.

A "Nigger" Minstrel at the Jefferson
for the Railroad Auditors.

The members of the American Association of Railway Accounting Officers, all of whom are stopping at the Jefferson, were entertained there last night by a genuine negro minstrel show, which had been especially arranged for their delectation by the local Reception Committee. The participants in the entertainment were all negroes, who make their living by going the rounds of the various hotels and public places, singing, playing, and dancing for these willing to "chip in" a coin or two, and they gave a most interesting performance, especially to many of the railroad men and their wives, who had never before been South.

NEGRO BADLY CARVED.

The ambulance, with Dr. Nuckolls in charge, was called to the wharf of the Old Dominion Steamship Company last night at 10 o'clock to attend a colored man named Henry Christian, who had been cut in three places about the arm, by the instrument used, and the longest gash, which was on the shoulder, was 5 inches long, and required eight stitches to close it.

KEPT THE MONEY AT HOME.

The Young Men's Business Association are working with a will to carry out their motto, "Business before pleasure." They succeeded in securing the placing of an order in the city of Richmond that would have gone to Baltimore for their waterfalls.

MINISTER PORTER.

HE IS FORMALLY RECEIVED BY
PRESIDENT FAURE.

HAS TO MAKE HIS SPEECH IN FRENCH.

This Is Unprecedented, But It Was
Insisted On—Great Ceremonial
Marks the Reception—Three Car-
riages—Squadron of Cuirassiers.

PARIS, May 25.—President Faure formally received the new United States Ambassador, General Horace Porter, to-day. Shortly before 5 o'clock a squadron of cuirassiers, with three carriages, one of them containing M. Crozier, the Director of the Protocol, and M. Mallard, the introducer of Ambassadors, escorted the ambassador to the Elysee Palace, where General Porter is residing, as the guest of General Winslow, to the Elysee Palace. On arriving, the municipal band played the "Marseillaise," and the guard on duty presented arms. General Porter alighted at the entrance, and was conducted by M. Crozier to the grand salon, where he was introduced and presented his credentials. The document was worded as follows:

STRUCK WITH A STICK.

One Negro Deals Another a Dangerous
Blow Over the Head.

Edward Ford, a colored youth, who blacks boots for a livelihood, was struck and felled to the pavement in front of Murphy's Hotel last night about 8 o'clock by a heavy cane in the hands of Edward Harris, also a colored man. Harris is a "sample boy," and is 22 years of age. He has been leaning towards being a sport, and had been lingering about the hotel all the evening, during a great part of which he had been in dispute with the hotelkeeper, and a quarrel continued until Harris determined to wind up the matter, and did so, by breaking his walking stick over Ford's head.

FELL INTO HANDS OF TRAMPS.

A Travelling Negro Assaulted and
Robbed of His Money.

Thomas Harston, a young negro man, found his way into the Third Police-Station about 10 o'clock last night, bringing with him a head that had been badly pounded and an empty purse, which, once he had recovered from the shock, he said was his source of life and joy, was now a source of profitless grief.

WELL INTO HANDS OF TRAMPS.

This was his tale of woe: He had been travelling on the Pennsylvania railroad people, and had gotten together \$25. Upon this fund, therefore, he determined to take a tour of the South, and so a few days ago he started on his journey. He found out that the traveler's discomfiture would soon wear \$20 out, so he decided to beat it. There were two tramps on the Richmond-bound train, which Harston and his companions made up their minds and bodies to beat their way. Harston took the pains to display his riches, and the tramps graciously consented to notice his wealth.

STRIKE FROM YOUR BALLOT TO-DAY.

That word "Convention." That will mean that you are opposed to calling a constitutional convention at this time. Leave upon the ballot the words "No convention."

OUTING OF THE GOSWOLVINE.

Members of the Goswolvine Virginia will hold their first summer outing at Lakeside Park on Sunday, June 24. The resort has been placed at the disposal of the society between the hours of 12 M. and 11 P. M. The picnic will be for members only.

LEAVE UPON THE BALLOT THE WORDS "NO CONVENTION."

When General Porter withdrew, the municipal band played the "Washington Post March." The Ambassador returned to the Rue de Madrid with the same ceremonial, and escorted by the squadron of cuirassiers.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S BIRTHDAY.

LONDON, May 25.—The official celebration of the Queen's birthday was observed to-day in London with the usual pomp and circumstance. The ceremony was unusually imposing. The Prince of Wales was attended by the Duke of York, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Connaught, Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Lord Wootley, the commander-in-chief of the forces, and a large and brilliant staff, including an Indian aide-de-camp. The Prince was received with a royal salute, which was given by the Grenadier Guards, the Coldstream Guards, the Second Scots, and the Colonial Troops. The Princess of Wales, the Duchess of Albany, the King and Queen of Wurtemberg, the Prince and Princess of Denmark, the Duchess of Fife, the Duchess of Connaught, and others witnessed the ceremony from the commander-in-chief's room in the Horse Guards' building.

PROJECTED SPANISH LOANS.

Favorable Report Thereon—State
Monopoly of Explosives.

MADRID, May 24.—The Budget Committee having reported favorably on the projected Spanish loans, the State monopoly of explosives.

THE TOBACCO TAX.

MANUFACTURERS IN WASHINGTON
TO PROTEST AGAINST ADVANCE.

THE INJURY DONE BY CHANGES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Representatives of practically all the tobacco manufacturers in the United States, with the exception of the cigar manufacturers, met here to-day, to protest against the proposed advance of 2 cents a pound in the tax on tobacco contemplated in the Senate amendments to the tariff bill. There were present and represented about 150 manufacturers. The total tobacco output, exclusive of cigars, of the United States, is about 300,000,000 pounds annually, and of this amount over 200,000,000 pounds were represented. General M. McAlpin, of New York, was chairman, and T. E. Allen secretary.

COMMITTEE HEARING.

The Senate Committee, which has charge of the tariff bill, gave a hearing to a delegation of the tobacco manufacturers at the Arlington to-day. The tobacco-men were represented by a committee of six—Messrs. Harry Weissinger, of Louisville; C. H. Hall, of Detroit; L. Lorillard, Jr., of New York; John Haines, of Winston, N. C.; R. L. Booker, of Richmond, and E. A. McAlpin, New York, chairman of the day's meeting. Their spokesman was Mr. Weissinger, who presented the case of the tobacco-men, at the suggestion of the senators.

WHERE WILL THE BURDEN FALL?

While the senators asked several questions, they gave no indication that the burden of the tobacco tax would result in any change in the bill. They were particularly desirous to know upon whom the burden of the increased taxation would fall. Mr. Weissinger said that the burden would be shifted to the growers of leaf tobacco.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mrs. D. M. Pettier and her son are
both seriously ill at their home, on Ninth
street.

TO ELECT PROFESSORS TO-NIGHT.

Much interest is felt, especially among medical men, in the meeting of the Board of Visitors of the Medical College of Virginia to be held to-night to elect three professors to fill vacancies in the faculty. In addition to the names of Dr. Le P. P. Churchman, of West Virginia, is a candidate for the Chair of Diseases of the Eye, Ear, and Throat.

AT THE CONFEDERATE FESTIVAL.

Judge Christian, of Charles City, delivered a lecture on "The Women of the South" at the Confederate Festival last night. The East-End Methodist Club, composed of Messrs. A. Smith, Robert Hope, John Lacy, George Pail, and Henry Diakon, played several delightful selections.

GRACE STREET BAPTIST SCHOOL HAS DECIDED TO HAVE ITS ANNUAL PICNIC AT PROVIDENCE FOUNTAIN ON JUNE 15th.

Misses Maria and Fannie Pellard have returned home, after a pleasant trip to New York and Washington.

WHERE SHALL I SPEND MY SUNDAYS FOR NEEDED REST, PLEASANT RECREATION, AND COMFORT?

It should not be long before the Chesapeake and Ohio Sunday outings. A special fast vestibule train leaves Richmond every Sunday at 8:45 A. M. from Chesapeake and Ohio Station. Tickets are sold to Station for \$1.00. Tickets are sold to Old Point, Ocean View, or Norfolk for ONE DOLLAR.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Forecast for Thursday:

For Virginia and North Carolina—Fair weather, except possibly showers near the coast; warmer; northeasterly winds, becoming easterly.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY WAS FAIR AND COOL.

State of thermometer:
6 A. M. 57
8 A. M. 60
10 A. M. 62
12 M. 64
2 P. M. 66
4 P. M. 68
6 P. M. 66
8 P. M. 64
10 P. M. 62
Midnight 60

MEAN TEMPERATURE.

Mean temperature yesterday 64.